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SUBJ: GUS HALL TOES THE LINE ON U.S.- SOVIET
RELATIONS.

1. PRAVDA ACCOUNT OF MAY 9 TELEVISION INTERVIEW OF
CPUSA LEADERS GUS HALL AND HENRY WINSTON REFLECTS
SOVIET-APPROVED LINE ON U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS, WITH
CONSTANT REITERATION OF THEME THAT DETENTE IS IN INTERESTS
OF AMERICAN PEOPLE. IF ONE WISHED TO THROW BACK AT
THE SOVIETS THEIR COMPLAINTS ABOUT U.S. INTER-
FERENCE IN SOVIET INTERNAL AFFAIRS, SOME MILEAGE
COULD BE OBTAINED FROM THE NEARLY HALF PAGE GIVEN BY
PRAVDA TO THE CPUSA LEADERS, INCLUDING ATTENTION TO A
NUMBER OF U.S. DOMESTIC PROBLEMS RANGING FROM INFLATION
TO RACISM. HOWEVER HALL AND WINSTON FRAME SUCH REFERENCES
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IN CONTEXT OF DEMONSTRATING NEED FOR RELAXATION OF

INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS AND DRASTIC REDUCTION IN
MILITARY SPENDING.

2. ALTHOUGH INTERVIEW IS REplete WITH REFERENCES
TO U.S. MONOPOLISTS AND IMPERIALISTS, HALL HASTENS TO
ADD THAT INTEREST OF U.S. CORPORATIONS IN TRADE WITH
SOCIALIST CAMP MEETS INTEREST OF U.S. PEOPLE, PROVIDES
JOBS, ETC. MOREOVER, THERE IS NO CRITICISM OF THE
NIXON ADMINISTRATION NOR OF ITS DOMESTIC POLITICAL
DIFFICULTIES.

3. HALL AND WINSTON MAKE CLEAR THEIR ENDORSEMENT OF
U.S.-SOVIET SUMMITRY BY FAWNING ADULATION OF BREZHNEV.
WINSOTN CALLS HIM "THE GREATEST HUMANIST ON EARTH."
THE CPUSA PAIR REFRAIN FROM MENTIONING THE FORTHCOMING
SUMMIT, BUT THEY DO ENDORSE DEVELOPMENT OF U.S.-SOVIET
RELATIONS AND INDICATE THAT THINGS ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT
DIRECTION.

4. HALL COMES OUT SOLIDLY FOR "NEW CONFERENCE OF
COMMUNIST AND WHRKERS PARTIES AS SOON AS IT IS PREPARED."
AS IN COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING MEETING WITH BREZHNEV, HE
CONDEMNS MAOISM FOR "CRIME" OF ACTING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
IMPERIALISM.

5. COMMENT: IF THERE WAS CRITICISM HERE THAT CPUSA WAS
LARGELY FROZEN OUT OF BREZHNEV'S TRIP TO U.S. (AND WE
SUSPECT THERE WAS), ELABORATE EFFORTS TO DEMONSTRATE
PRIOR CONSULTATION AND UNANIMITY MAY BE INTENDED TO
UNDERCUT SUCH CRITICISM IN CONTEXT OF 1974 SUMMIT.
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